December 16, 2014

Mr. Kyle Collins  
Town Planning/Development Administrator  
Town of Southampton  
116 Hampton Road  
Southampton, NY 11968

Dear Mr. Collins:

In 2011, Governor Cuomo launched the Regional Economic Development Councils and the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) to provide each region with the tools to create and implement their own roadmap for economic prosperity and job creation. This community-based model uses local assets to drive local economic growth and has resulted in unprecedented partnerships that are building a reinvigorated economy.

After three successful rounds, the 2014 CFA made $750 million in economic development resources available from 33 programs across 12 state agencies. The agency programs provide resources for projects focused on community development and job creation, direct assistance to business, waterfront revitalization, energy and environmental improvements, sustainability and low-cost financing.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is proud to have contributed $14,850,000 to this year’s Consolidated Funding Application. I am pleased to inform you that a matching grant of $500,000.00 has been reserved from the Environmental Protection Fund Municipal Grant program for the Hampton Bays’ Good Ground Park.

Our agency will contact you to clarify specifics about the project, including next steps, disbursement terms, minority- and women-owned business hiring goals, employment requirements, environmental and historic preservation review requirements, and other terms and conditions. I urge you to work closely with our program staff and not to begin work on your project until appropriate contract conditions have been satisfied.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to expeditiously advance your project.

Congratulations,

Rose Harvey  
Commissioner

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